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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: LECTURER PROGRAM: AMERICAN LECTURER BAKER

APPRECIATE YOUR CONTACTING PROFESSOR BAKER TO FIND OUT
IF THREE ART OBJECTS GIVEN HIM AS GIFTS IN TBILISI
HAVE ARRIVED IN HIS AIR FRIEGHT. BAKER RECENTLY
IN TBILISI ON LECTURER EXCHANGE. UPON DEPARTURE HE
PRESENTED WITH THREE PIECES OF GEORGIAN BRONZE WORK
FOR WHICH HE HAD BEEN GIVEN WRITTEN PERMISSION
TO EXPORT BY GEORGIAN MINISTRY OF CULTURE. HOWEVER
UPON PRESENTATION OF PERMISSION AT CUSTOMS WHILE SHIPPING
BAKER EFFECTS WHICH HAD THE THREE PIECES PACKED IN THEM
EMBASSY LOCAL TOLD THAT MINCULT OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW HAD
TO INSPECT ARTICLES BEFORE ALLOWING THEM OUT. THREE
BRONZE PIECES CANNOT BE FOUND AT EMASSY. WE BELIEVE
THAT CUSTOMS OFFICIALS NOT AWARE THAT PIECES IN QUESTION
WERE IN AIR FREPLHT WHICH THEY DID NOT OPEN AND

CONSEQUENTLY PIECES WENT THROUGH UNINSPECTED. BAKER
HOPEFULLY NOW HAS THEM. IF THIS THE CASE EMBASSY WILL
QUIETLY LET MATTER DROP WITH MINCULT. IF FORCED TO MAKE
RESPONSE WE WILL RELATE

ABOVE DETAILS AND NOTE THAT BAKER
HAS TAKEN ALL STEPS HE TOLD NECESSARY AND THAT ART OBJECTS
EXPORTED WITHOUT MOSCOW INSPECTION AS MATTER OF INNOCENT
ERROR. HOWEVER IT CRITICAL THAT WE DETERMINE IF BAKER
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HAS RECEIVED ART OBJECTS. IF NOT WE WILL BEGIN SEARCH

HERE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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